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## LADIES' HALL AT SKINNER

They Raise the Mon to Build—  
Some Big Live Stock Items.

Skinner, Mo., Dec. 14.—Right sharp little spell of winter past few days.

Last week was turkey week at our burg. Charley Tanner purchased several hundred at 14 cents per pound.

County School Superintendent Prof. Clyde Johnson and County Farm Adviser Earl W. Rusk are making the several school houses in our community this week in the interest of the betterment of schools and productiveness of our farms. They will be at Fox school house Tuesday morning and at Gatewood Thursday evening and Bryan Thursday night, I understand. Let everybody attend these meetings that are interested in these vocations.

The thermometer registered 3 degrees below zero Monday morning.

C. R. Spurling reports his baby boy is improving fast under a Chiropractor in Davenport, Iowa.

J. R. Spurling shipped a load of fat cattle to Chicago Sunday morning that will likely bring within a \$1.00 of top of market.

James Chapman and sons shipped two loads of cattle to the Chicago market Sunday morning. They were the right good kind and will likely bring \$10.00 per cwt. or better.

John Rudasill bought 350 head of yearling sheep thru Henry Gant of Omaha this week.

Elmer Gatewood sold a black cavalry gelding recently for \$140 to Lee Bros.

Rube Maddox sold a cavalry horse to Harte McGowan for \$90 recently. Was a sorrel gelding.

Since we have been asked to give a more thorough account of the building of The Ladies' Hall here by the editor, so here goes: Mrs. W. H. DeJarnatt and her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Spurling, got up a popular subscription of \$281.00. The building will cost \$500, a structure 24x40 feet. The ladies will make the remaining \$219 by entertainments, oyster and sale suppers and dinners. The work of hauling and erecting was mainly donated. The building is up, completed, except plastering and painting. It was under construction about two weeks. It will be used for entertainments, public speaking, movies, etc. The corps of officer elected are as follows: H. T. Spurling, president; C. R. Spurling, Treas.; Mrs. Harry Davis, Sec'y., and Wm. Wisdom, W. H. DeJarnatt and Chas. Tanner, constitute the Board of Trustees. The building was erected just east of Chas. Tanner's residence on land donated by Judge Spurling.

John W. Blum has two loads of cattle on feed, H. T. Spurling and son, three loads.

Chas. Householder will finish marketing 1,000 head of sheep which he bought 60 to 90 days ago, which so far have made a good balance on the right side of the ledger. He has an order in with Henry Gant at Omaha for 1,000 head of lambs which he will carry thru the winter on ensilage mainly, shear them in the spring and market them in June.

Chas. Weaver sold a fat cow and steer to Tom Hodge and delivered them Saturday. Cow

weighed 1,375 pounds and brot 6 cents per pound, steer weighed 925 pounds and brot 734 cents per pound.

Elmer Gatewood and Henry Berrey bought a car load of shucked corn from Pollock Mill & Elevator Co., Saturday, paying 67 cents per bushel laid down in Thompson.

The wedding bells did ring two weeks ago today, Monday. It was just a rumor then, but terminated in cupid's reality, when Mr. Everett Spurling and Miss Ethyl Baker and Mr. Arthur Neill and Miss Otie Baker were happily married, at 10 a. m., on said Monday. The Baptist pastor of Centralia church performed the ceremony. The brides are sisters, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Baker, while the grooms are sons of the widows Spurling and Neill of Western Audrain. All are very exemplary young people and come of our best families. They will go to housekeeping on a farm that each of the grooms have especially prepared. The best wishes of all their friends go with them, for a happy, useful wedded life. They spent a few days in Kansas City on a wedding trip.

On the evening of December 24th, a Christmas tree and Christmas program will be reeled off at the Ladies' Hall in Skinner. We are authorized to announce that a special invitation is extended to all to attend. Bring with you your present for your friends and loved ones.

A tramp talked John Abbey's pipe out of his mouth the other day. Ask John to tell you about "that d'ned old pipe."

Over 200 Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen attended the funeral of Henry Marshall Sunday.

Miss Jane Bowles of Paris, Texas, is visiting her cousins in this city, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Austin.

## MRS. CULVER DEAD

Passes Away at Her Home Near Benton City

Mrs. W. L. Culver of near Benton City, 41 years old, died last Thursday morning. The funeral was held Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, services at Benton City Christian church. Mrs. Culver was a woman highly beloved and an earnest, zealous Christian. The husband and two children survive her. The children are Harold and Fontella. To these the Message joins the entire community in extending tenderest sympathy.

## THOMPSON ITEMS

Mrs. Geo. Woolery surprised her husband the 12th with a birthday dinner, it being his 60th birthday. Those present were J. T. Woolery and family, Joe Beatty and wife, Thos. Cleeton and family, Field Cleeton and mother, E. M. Morris and family and L. E. Davis and wife and W. H. Blythe.

Bro. Trimble filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night at Salt River. Ed. Beatty sold 20 stock hogs to Will Sims at 61-2 cents per lb.

Mrs. Ellen Cleeton received news Saturday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Cleeton, of Sturgeon. Jas. Wisdom and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Johnson of Centralia Sunday. Geo. Woolery sold 35 hogs to W. N. Ritter at 7 cents per pound. Claude Sansberry sold 12 head to the same party at 7 cents per pound. Jas. Wisdom sold one load of cattle to Thos. McBride at 9 cents per pound. Miss Mary Alice Dempsey returned home Saturday from Columbia after a two weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. W. McCamman. Her cousins, M. J. Bryan and wife, and Mary Olivia McCamman, accompanied her home and remained till Sunday night.

Arch Johnson sold one calf to Thos. McBride at 71-2 cents, weighing 800 pounds.

## HIGH HILL DISTRICT

Mrs. Johnson Dead—Mr. Campbell Trades Farm—Personal

High Hill, Mo., Dec. 14.—Some cloudy weather the last two weeks. Tried to rain but did not rain much; then tried to snow and hasn't snowed much. But winter is here.

Sawing wood and killing hogs is the order of the day.

Miss Urma Cox, daughter of Vasse Cox and wife, was married to Mr. Claude Turner last week. May success and happiness be theirs as they start out in life's battle together.

Ethel Edwards Harrington and little daughter visited home last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Edwards had all their children at home last Sunday except Julius and family in Centralia.

L. L. Spencer and Winford Dalby hauled corn from Centralia the past week.

Mrs. James Barker of Marshall visited her sick father, Sam Musick, last week. Mr. Musick is still in a critical condition. He has dropsy and heart trouble.

Born, to Bernard Sellers and wife, a fine girl, on December 6th.

Edgar Sims and wife and Roy Sims and wife visited their grandparents, J. H. Turner and wife, last Sunday.

Tom Broadus has bought Will Stowers' farm. Will more there soon.

Jesse Campbell has traded his farm for 160 acres eight miles north of Centralia and has begun to move.

Mr. Musick and Elmer Shock had wood sawed Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Turner received a letter from her sister, Mrs. Green Gant. The latter's home is in Omaha, Neb., with her son, Henry. She says they have a nice place and do everything in their power to make her comfortable and happy, but it's not like home.

Mrs. George Johnson died at her home in Centralia Saturday. She was well known here, having lived in our vicinity for a long time. She was a good woman. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn for her.

Frank Jennings is moving to the Jimmie Loren place now owned by Dr. Hulen. He comes from about 12 miles north of here.

Mrs. Harvey Stuart is with her daughter who is sick, Mrs. Bernard Sellers.

B. F. Puls has been tussling with the grip for about four weeks. He is some better at present.

## A SURPRISE WEDDING

Mr. Clayborne Jackson, son of Mr. A. D. Jackson, and Miss Frances Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, surprised their many friends last Thursday night by getting married. The vows were solemnized at the home of the bride, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger officiating. Only immediate relatives witnessed the ceremony. The happy couple are visiting among friends in St. Louis. The bride and groom are two of Mexico's most highly respected young people—both popular among a large circle of friends. May happiness and prosperity ever attend them.

G. W. Nash, the millinery, ready-to-wear and dry goods man, will move his store to the Morris Building the first of the year.

## MR. MARSHALL DEAD

Passes Hence After a Long Illness

Henry Marshall, 34 years old, died at his home in this city Friday after a long illness of pulmonary trouble. He was born and reared in Mexico. The wife, who before her marriage was Miss Etta White, survives him, besides two children, Charles and Hazel. The mother also survives, Mrs. Eliza Marshall, also three brothers and four sisters—Mrs. Via Marshall, Mrs. Maggie Williams, Mrs. Mattie Beckelt, Miss Katherine Marshall and John, Riley and Jacob Marshall.

Mr. Marshall held membership in the I. O. O. F., M. W. A. and the Knights of Maccabees. Funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. A. Shullenberger. The Odd Fellows officiated at the grave. The following served as pallbearers: Roy Neely, Gus Steinman, Leo Hanley, Charles Campbell, Walter Squires and Frank McCord.

Wm. Kelso at Cedar Rapids, Wash., gets the Message.

Andy Hunter and daughter of Plainville, Ill., attended the funeral of Mr. Hunter's sister, Mrs. Laura Spencer, who died near Thompson last Saturday.

Frank Day will get the Message at Pulaski, Tenn.

Sam Moomaw, down east of Worcester, is visiting relatives and friends in Kansas.

The Mexico Presbyterian Sunday school has pledged \$25 for the Belgian relief fund.

Miss Katie Smithy is in a St. Louis hospital for treatment for her health.

## MEXICO NOTES; COLD WEATHER

A Preacher Goes to Federal Prison—Hot Coffee For Tramps

Sunday was the biggest, best winter day we have had. Old Sol shone out a little, about the first for about two weeks, but it was indeed cold and small flakes of snow were falling most the day.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching—weren't the hobos thick last week. Sam Wallace's hot, free breakfast at the City Hall to the visiting gentry and then a firm command from that official for them to get out of town has relieved the situation a mite this week.

We venture the guess that the County Infirmary will get some new inmates as the colder days come on. The Infirmary was built for those who are dependent and have none upon whom they can depend.

Get petit juryman Keith of Vandalia to tell you that snake story, as he told it in the court house the other day. Ask W. S. Biggs about it.

Information has been received in Mexico that Rev. Howard L. Davis, Presiding Elder here several years ago for the M. E. Church, South, was recently found guilty in Jacksonville, Fla., of misuse of the U. S. mails and he gets a sentence of three years in Federal prison. Friends here express deepest sympathy for his wife and two manly little sons in their humiliation and suffering.

The Maccabees had a gala time at Odd Fellows Hall Friday night. The feature was the dedication of the altar. Washington and Hollister Hives had the program in charge. There were 76 Lady Maccabees here from Moberly, and 125, all told, sat down at a banquet together.

The Elks have voted \$20 toward the Hospital maintenance and will give a barrel of flour for the Belgians. Good Fellows.

## MRS. SPENCER DEAD

An Old Resident of the Thompson Neighborhood

Mrs. Laura Catherine Spencer, 67 years old, died at her home near Thompson last Saturday. She had been ill for some time. Funeral was held at the home Tuesday morning, burial at Rising Sun church, north of Mexico. Mrs. Spencer was a good woman and beloved by a large circle of friends. The following children survive her: J. E. Spencer, of Prentice, Ill.; C. A. Spencer, Thompson; R. D. Spencer, Peoria, Ill.; B. J. Spencer, Thompson; Fred Spencer, Mexico, and Mrs. Florence Whitesides, Centralia. Mrs. Spencer lived with a granddaughter, Elizabeth Morgan Ward.

We join the community in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Rome Bowen and wife of Farber have moved to Mitchellville, Iowa, and direct that the Message shall follow them.



## FOR CHRISTMAS

- Buy a set of Carving Knives and Forks or a nice Casserole at Reduced Prices.
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